



Residential Working Group Fact Sheet

Chuckatuck and Brewers Creek TMDL Implementation Plan

Why Do a TMDL Implementation Plan (IP)? A TMDL IP is a requirement of Virginia's 1997 Water Quality Monitoring, Information, and Restoration Act, which directs the State Water Control Board to "develop and implement a plan to achieve fully supporting status for impaired waters". By developing an IP, a community has a better opportunity to receive state and federal grant funds and even other private sources of funding to restore water quality.

How Can I Participate? The primary means of public participation in this TMDL IP process will be through one of three working groups; residential, agriculture, and government. The working groups provide citizens a venue for active participation in the planning process. Each working group will report its results and recommendations to the steering committee for consideration to be included in the TMDL IP document. Strong public participation in these groups ensures a final implementation plan driven by local input and concerns.

What Will the Residential Working Group Address? The Residential Working Group will address the sources of bacteria that originate from residential properties. The group will focus on identifying obstacles to implementation of best management practices to reduce bacteria coming from residential properties and discuss practical solutions to these obstacles. Reductions in bacteria coming from residential properties can be achieved by ensuring proper operation of septic tank systems, implementing a scoop the poop

- Review implementation strategies from a homeowner's perspective,
- Identify methods of outreach
- Evaluate corrective actions, costs, and technical assistance needs,
- Identify alternative funding sources/partnerships,
- Identify possible social, economic and other barriers to implementation.

Who Makes Up the Residential Working Group? Residential working groups typically consist of local residence and stakeholders who live within the watershed.

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